



Senator Kasim Reed

Senate District 35



Senator Kasim Reed is a lifelong resident of South Fulton County. He was educated in Fulton County's public schools, where he graduated from Utoy Springs Elementary School and Westwood High School (now Westlake High School), he then received his undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University.

Though Sen. Reed is one of the youngest members of the Georgia General Assembly, he has a well-established track record of legislative excellence. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1998 as State Representative for District 52. He was re-elected in 2000, winning 77 percent of all votes cast. In the House, Sen. Reed served two terms as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Education Committee and Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Committee.

Sen. Reed has continued his successful leadership as the Senator for District 35. He was elected to the Senate in August 2002, winning 66 percent of all votes cast. He currently serves on the Senate Judiciary, Special Judiciary, Ethics, Urban Affairs, Transportation, and the State and Local Government Operations committees.

Currently, Sen. Reed is vice-chairman of the Georgia Senate Democratic Caucus. He also served as the chairman of the Georgia Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Moreover, Sen. Reed is a partner at Holland & Knight LLP, an international law firm with offices in Atlanta. In addition to his professional pursuits, Sen. Reed has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to better his community at every stage in his life. As an undergraduate member of Howard University's Board of Trustees, Sen. Reed created a fundraising program entitled the "Independence Initiative," which The New York Times reported helped higher education "stand up to adversity." Since its inception, this initiative has contributed more than \$10 million to Howard University's endowment. In June 2002, Sen. Reed was appointed as Howard University's youngest General Trustee.

Sen. Reed served as campaign manager for Mayor Shirley Franklin's first and second campaigns. Following her election in November 2001, Mayor Franklin selected Sen. Reed to serve as one of two co-chairs for the Shirley Franklin Transition Team. In this capacity, Sen. Reed chaired the search committee for selecting Mayor Franklin's cabinet-level staff, including the city of Atlanta's COO, CFO, city attorney, chief of police and others.

Sen. Reed's civic leadership and service has been nationally recognized in publications such as The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Ebony and Black Enterprise. He was selected as one of Georgia Trend magazine's "40 under 40 Rising Stars" in 2001, as one of the Fulton County Daily Report's "Lawyers on the Rise" and as one of "10 Outstanding Atlantans" in Outstanding Atlanta. He is a member of the Leadership Georgia Class of 2001 and is a Board Member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund.

Sen. Reed is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church, pastored by Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough.

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